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50 years of SERVICE 1928-1978

At the time this Auburn
Automobile was built,
the Auburn Lions Club
was born . . .



PROGRAM

Reception 6:00-6:45 p.m. in DeKalb Jr. High School Aud.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in DeKalb Jr. High School Auditorium

Organ Music for the Evening by Marilyn Minard

Singing of "America" and Pledge to Flag.

Invocation..... George Schuette

Dinner

Remarks by Toastmaster..... Hal Hoham

Introduction International & State Lion Officials.. PDG George
Sockrider

Presentation of 50 Year Charter Pin Thomas Lawson
District Governor

Presentation of Monarch pins to members PDG James
Hamilton

Introducton of International First Vice President... PDG Keith
Showalter

Address..... Ralph A. Lynam
Alma, Michigan
First Vice President Lions International

Closing Remarks..... Norman Gerig
President, Auburn Lions Club

Benediction..... George Schuette

50th anniversary committee

Keith R. Showalter, Chairman

George Sockrider

Hal Hoham

Robert Glass

Howard Bates

Dawson Quaintance

Lynn Holsinger

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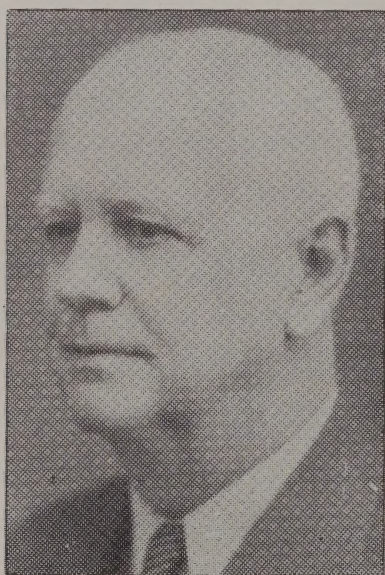
To those loyal lions who have over the past half century served lionism — their country — their State — their community and mankind with their time, talents, and financial support and have made auburn a better place in which to work, live and raise their families, we humbly dedicate this 50th anniversary Program.

With a renewed determination for continued service thru lionism for auburn and our community, we start the second half century of the auburn lions Club. May the successes of the past be but a prelude for accomplishments to come.

auburn lions club

To the sponsoring Club, the Garrett
Lions Club, we give sincere Thanks for
assisting us to a path of service.

To the organizer and first President
Of the Auburn Lions Club
Herman L. Brown



We gratefully acknowledge his memory for his
dutiful, faithful inspiration and service to our
Club during its formative years.

To all of the charter members, we give
thanks for their part in charting a course for us
to follow.

Officers 1977-78

President.....	Norman Gerig
1st Vice President.....	John Wilson
2nd Vice President.....	Steve Wildermuth
3rd Vice President.....	James Seigel
Sec'y-Treasurer.....	George Sockrider
Tail Twister.....	Jim Hoffman
Lion Tamer.....	Richard Dove

DIRECTORS

1 Year

Claude Brandon
Steve Maloney

2 Year

Frank Bueker
Richard Beatty

Immediate Past President.....	Cyrus Johnson
Chaplain.....	Kenneth Marks
Song Leader.....	Ron Ball

District Governor

Thomas, Lawson, Ft. Wayne

Deputy Governor

Charles Capp, Butler

Auburn Lions Club is especially proud of those of our members who have been chosen by their peers to serve Lionism as District Governors of 25-B and other Districts.

William P. Endicott. 1946-47
George S. Sockrider. 1955-56
Keith R. Showalter. . . (25 C) 1957-58
James W. Hamilton. 1960-61
Ralph S. Pearson. 1961-62
Fred E. Quance. 1965-66

Their dedication has been an
inspiration to us all.

a history

five Decades In a fine Town

The history of the Lions In Auburn is the happy result of an unbeatable combination — a good idea in the hands of good men in a good town.

Viewed at the moment of its inception, some probably questioned the need of a second service club in a prosperous town, Auburn in 1928. Yet, Auburn in 1928 did have needs that were not being met. Within 16 months of its Charter, the Crash of '29 had occurred, and for a club with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm but not much money, it became an excellent time to render service; and when a more generous public support became available after the War, the scope of its services and projects became the model for other service groups throughout the state.

The accomplishments here recounted are proudly presented, for we Lions have worked hard to achieve them. We do not, however, claim that they are ours alone. They belong to the town and area residents who have so generously supported our idea of service these 50 years; similarly, those services we can render in the future will be the result of the Club's energy and abilities, as they are supported by the good people of Auburn and the area.

Looking back through so great a period of time, we cannot here hope to catalogue every activity; it is probable that there were more than 500 significant activities. We cannot here capture for the reader the fellowship, the enjoyment, or the essence of nearly 2,000 club meetings. What we do offer is a collection of highlights with a filler of representative smaller-but-valuable club activities. If we have omitted your favorite project or activity, please accept our apologies.

The Twenties

They were called the "Roaring Twenties," and in Auburn, a new roar was to be heard — The Auburn Lions had been founded. Through the sponsorship of our "father," the Garrett Lions Club, and the interest of more than 40 civic-minded business and professional men of Auburn, a new concept in community service began to make itself felt in town and area life.

On a very warm evening, May 29, 1928, the Charter was presented in the old KP Lodge rooms. Some had believed that there was no need for a second service club; they erred. An impressive catalogue of accomplishments by the Lions, the Rotary, the JayCees, and the Kiwanis since that date indicate that there will always be a need for civic improvement.

Present on that May evening were men whose names have become history and legend in Auburn: our founder and first president, Herman L. Brown; our first District Governor, Judge William P. Endicott; the most stimulating man ever to grace our meetings with his wit, Frank Nicolai; and an impressive young coach and teacher in the Auburn school system, Cecil E. Young. Others present on that occasion included Lions who were to serve their new club as future presidents and to remain faithful Lions until the day of their demise: Dr. J.E. Graham, Ward Jackman, and Kenneth Gonser. Present also on that occasion was the representative of Lions International, a Lion who was to become a firm friend of the Auburn Lions for its entire history, George Bormuth of the Ft. Wayne Central Lions. It may be our unique good fortune to have him with us on this 50th Anniversary.

The Thirties

Influence, ingenuity, muscle, and money — these factors in varying amounts could and did achieve many worthy ends in the Lions' history. Projects of the thirties probably had to rely on the first three, money being in a short supply during that decade. Examples of such ends would have included:

Renovation of the Cemetery. Auburn's oldest "burying ground," located between 18th and 19th Streets just off Union, had been abandoned, in terms of care, for many years. Using principally muscle, the Lions turned out to grub out the brush, trim the weeds, restore the fence, and re-set the stones. The project was not "one-shot," for it was repeated again in the late '50's. A community eyesore thereby became again a community asset.

The Bridges. At both Ninth and Seventh Streets on Cedar Creek, antiquated bridges stood (or perhaps leaned) in great need of replacement. A three-year campaign was waged to persuade the county government to replace the structures. It too was a success.

The Railroad Crossing Lights. The New York Central crossing on West Seventh Street was unguarded, was dangerous, and eventually claimed the life of an Auburn

resident. Stirred by the tragedy and an appeal by county authorities, the Auburn Lions mobilized the influence of the entire business, professional, and industrial community. The resulting pressure on the railroad resulted in the installation of the crossing signals. Many had contributed, but it was noted that it had taken the leadership of the Lions to serve as the catalyst.

The Forties

By the forties, the Lions reputation in community service had been well established. Fund raising in the '40's became easier with better times and the appearance of additional proven successes. By now, the club was conducting the car project, the horse show, and the minstrel show.

Significant projects of the '40's included:

The Veteran's Memorial Pylon. During the War, the Legion and Lions had cooperated in erecting an Honor Roll board. Following the War, they continued the partnership in establishing the beautiful, permanent memorial in the rotunda of the Court House.

By the forties, the Auburn Club's participation in state Lions' projects such as Cancer Control, Leader Dogs, and Sight Conservation was well established. Indigent children in the local schools were receiving adequate eye care as they were referred to the Club.

During the War, there was the expected cessation of the car project; but with the end of the War, that project leaped forward in its earning power. Coupled with the newly established Auburn Horse Show, funds in unprecedented amounts became available.

By the end of the '40's, the club had profited by the presidency of such Lions as Cecil Young, Hal Hoham, Donald C. Schaab, Fred E. Quance, and Vinson C. Klink. Interest in local Little League Baseball was well developed, and the need for improved medical facilities had become more pronounced — both of which would be well served by the Lions in the '50's.

The Fifties

No decade of Lions activities saw greater service to Auburn than the '50's. The projects?

The Little League Park. An immense amount of Lions labor and an estimated \$25,000 in Lions project funds, raised in both the '40's and '50's, provided Auburn with a premiere facility. Cooperation of the Thomas Estate and the City of Auburn provided a superb sports facility that eventually came

to have baseball, tennis, and ice skating capabilities. The lighted diamond for baseball eventually hosted not only several thousand local boys through the nearly 30 years of competition, but also district and state level contests.

The Hospital Project. A serious need was perceived for improved, medical facilities. The Lions Club completely underwrote the \$2,500 fee for a professional survey of hospital needs. A hospital need was established. Lions became a substantial part of the fund raising efforts on a county-wide basis, and the Auburn Club additionally pledged and delivered \$6,000. Lastly, the Club presented the new DeKalb Memorial Hospital with \$1,000 for office supplies and business equipment upon its opening. Total contribution — \$9,500.

Any unique fund raising projects? A community auction (May '50) makes \$300; a circus sponsorship (June '50) makes \$117; a fishing party and dinner (August '50) with profits to the Lions' spirits; the Horse Show and Car Projects (reported in September '50) with profits of \$300 and \$2,000; organized the Auburn March of Dimes (February '51) with profits of \$4,062, totally paid to the March; a Wrestling Match (February '54) profits \$400.

And a note of sadness: Lions Olinger and Auburn's first district Governor, Judge Endicott, died on consecutive days in March of 1954.

In the Sixties

Outstanding long-term secretaries Gerald Russell and Carl Strock have since been succeeded by PDG/ George Sockrider (the last of these is now completing 21 years in this office).

In the Sixties, the manpower (total membership averages approximately 100) and the earning power (the Car Project, the Horse Show, and other lucrative projects now average a total of \$6,000 per year) underwrite an impressive variety of service projects. Among these are:

The Scholarship Project. During the '60's, a total of \$8,000 in academic scholarships will be awarded to Auburn graduates.

The Candy for Cancer Project. \$1,000 is collected from passing motorists and Lions members for the state Cancer Control Project.

The Halloween Project. Carried on for many years, the 1960 party was typical, with 1800 children enjoying movies, games, and refreshments.

The Junior Basketball Project. Also established and flourishing, grades 3 and 4 of local school system learn and improve the game through this project. Occasional infusions of Lions funds, along with substantial direct support of local sponsors, make the wheels hum.

The Hospital Project. Begun by Lions in the late '50's, the first of the \$6,000 pledge is paid.

The Unique Projects (more fun than money sometimes!). The Sno-Cone Project during a Frigid Fair, profits \$33.00. A Bean Supper for \$325, and a Light Bulb Sale, and a Bridge Tournament.

A Fish Fry (funds in), a Christmas Candy project (funds out), a student to Band Camp (funds out), the Club President to the International Convention in Nice, France (his funds out), a Miss Auburn Beauty Pageant (usually break even). Uniforms for Little League All-Stars (funds out), the first of three years prize winning floats in the County Fair (funds out), a Movie Camera for local school (\$635), contribution of Science Fair (funds out), a Micro-Film Reader for local library (\$475), youths sent to Hoosier Boys' and Girls' State (funds out), funds to Community Pool Project (\$2,000) along with Lions leadership on Pool Board and substantial contributions by Lions through their business and industrial contributions, sodding of Little League Diamond (funds out), contributions to DeKalb Central Foundations (\$1,000), and the conclusion of twenty years of annual programs honoring award winners of Auburn High School.

In summary, each decade sees a building on the achievements of the preceeding ten years. If the '60's here seem more productive in the number and type of projects and services, it is because they could draw on the skills and funds developed in previous years.

In These Seventies

The decade began in sadness, as we marked the deaths of Lions Noffsinger and Nicolai after our last meeting in December of '69.

To fund the projects of the '70's, in addition to the fine support of our proven Car and Horse Show projects, we now added the Citrus Fruit Sales and the ACD "Chauffeur a Classic" Project.

A variety of new and deserving projects continued to come to the Lions' attention, including:

A popcorn machine for the Little League, funds for the

Auburn Youth Swim Club, donations to the Indiana Lions Basketball Hall of Fame (\$1,000) and Indiana Football Hall of Fame (\$1,000), the minor league diamond at the Little League facility in Thomas Memorial Park, cost \$1,500; substantial participation in the Northeast and Indiana Kidney Foundation with attendant fund raising and contributions (\$3,700), contributions to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, funds to Auburn-Waterloo Bikeway Project, home mortgage payment made for victim of accident, funds to school music department (honorarium for choral entertainments at three club functions), funds for scoreboard for new school facility, funds for local scholarship fund raising group, establishment of two \$500 sports scholarships, establishment of Youth Exchange Project, sending Auburn Youth to Japan and hosting total of 15 Japanese, Italian, French, South African and Peruvian guests.

Five Decades of Lionism — Out of Town

The abilities of Auburn Lions have been appreciated away from Auburn, as well as at home. The Club has given four of its members to District 25-B as District Governors: Judge Endicott, George Sockrider, Ralph Pearson, and Fred E. Quance. Each of these was accompanied in district office by an Auburn Lion who served with distinction as his cabinet secretary. Other Auburn Lions have rendered commendable service in a variety of cabinet positions for the district.

On the state level, Lion Sockrider has served both as State Comptroller and as Youth Exchange Chairman, extending the function of the latter to aid programs in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. Lion Russell Morton served with distinction on the State Eye Bank Committee. Similarly, Lion Past District Governors Keith Showalter and James Hamilton, now Auburn Lions members, served other clubs, districts, and state appointments with commendable achievement. PDG Sockrider, in addition, was called upon by Lions International to serve as Chairman of the first Past District Governors Banquet at the San Francisco Convention; and George has additionally served as a counselor to the Lions International Youth Exchange Program.

On the state level, the entire Auburn Club has rendered noteworthy service in hosting two state conventions.

During its 50 years, the Auburn Club has sponsored into the Lions family of clubs not less than 8 new clubs: Hunter-

town, Corunna, Cedar Creek, St. Joe, Butler, Waterloo, Land-of-Lakes, and Bryan, Ohio. We take pleasure in their presence with us tonight, and wish for them that they may enjoy the same support of their communities as have had of ours.

In Summary

Now, then, have we left anything out (other than about a hundred deserving men and activities)?

Did we mention the pride we take in Zeke Young, that great combination of faith and fire — faith in the Lionism ideal of service and the greatest extended burst of civic energy any of us will ever witness. And, for the last 20 years, one of the truly outstanding secretaries in all of Lionism? And the six District Governors who are or have been members of our Club?

Did we mention modest, continued support to 4-H activities, to Legion activities, to school activities? Did we mention the underwhelming successes — the Sno Cone Project and the Ladies Night Box Social? Did we mention some of the horseplay of meetings (water on chairs and dinner rolls flying through the air) that we sometimes wish we still enjoyed? Did we mention such exhilarating evenings as the Countess' Visit, The Trial of a President for Speeding, and a generation of "roastings" prior to elections? Did we mention the pleasure of lovely Lionesses on those great Ladies Nights, and also the Ladies Nights when the meat wasn't quite done? Did we pay a proper tribute to nearly 30 years of Marvel Lambert's fine meals in the Clutch's generous hospitality? And . . . Roger Hess's wall-eye pike fry, and Vince's bread pudding, and boiled bologna-eaten-with-a-spoon at the State Prison?

Have we forgotten the precision and dash of Don Schaab and Daws Quaintance mounting the new flag on its staff? . . . and Frank Nicolai's razor-sharp wit . . . and Forrest Gerig and Zeke Young selling car tickets . . . and 40 years of presidents conducting drawings at the Fair . . . and the Lions All-Nut Band startling spectators in a dozen parades . . . and the work and accomplishment of hosting two state conventions . . . and a fraction of the pleasure of 50 years?

Past Presidents

Herman L. Brown	Dawson Quaintance
Fred Lowe	H. Gerald Oren
Dr. J.E. Graham	George Sockrider
Ward Jackman	Marvin D. Shaw
Russell Holben	William Shuherk
Frank Avery	Lawrence Wible
Fred Ziegler	Ralph Pearson
Jack Olinger	Bruce Herbolsheimer
Kenneth Gonser	Richard Lieb
W.P. Endicott	George D. Hess
Cecil Young	William D. Weinert
Forrest Gerig	Phillip Butler
George Kelly	Roger A. Hess
William Husselman	Michael Haggarty
William Roeder	Hubert Stackhouse
William G. Weinert	Russell Morton
A.J. Haynes	Ronald Ball
Hal G. Hoham	Wilmer Rediger
Lloyd Hoodelmier	John Cutter
Don Schaab	Harry Hoham
Fred E. Quance	Don Mefford
Vinson Klink	Jack Sanders
Ralph Wible	Claude Brandon
Harold Vallieu	Duane D. Fites

Cyrus Johnson

1978 Old Monarch Awards

CHARTER MEMBER

Cecil E. Young

50-Year Monarch

Don Schaab

40-Year Monarch

Howard Bates

Fred E. Quance

Noah Yoder

30-Year Monarch

H.G. Oren

20-Year Monarch

Michael Haggarty

15-Year Old Monarch

Roger Myers

Cyrus Johnson

Norman Gerig

10 Year Old Monarch

Ralph Myers

Arie Vanstraten

Retired Pioneer Members

Ralph Bruce

Howard Bates

Forrest Gerig

Robert Glass

John Hess

Hal G. Hoham

Lynn Holsinger

Vinson Klink

H.G. Oren

Dawson Quaintance

Don Schaab

Marvin Shaw

George Stebing

Harold Stump

Larry Wible

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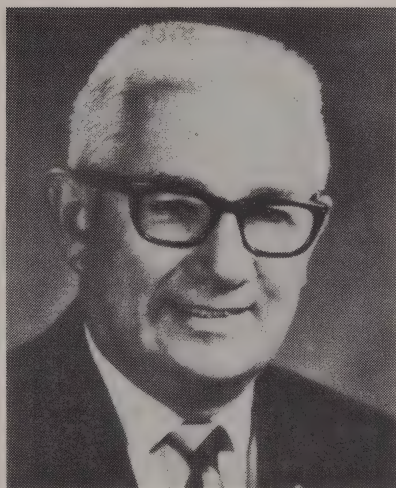
Don Allison
John Allman
Harry Andes
L.C. Baker
Ronald Ball
Howard Bates
Ron Bale
Larry Barnhart
Richard Beatty
Elmer Bidlack
Willis Boswell
Claude Brandon
William Brown
Frank Bueker
Cedric Bryant
Jeff Carper
James Carr
Dave Cserep
John Ells
Ron Feller
Douglas Fites
Norman Gerig
Allan Graber
John Grimm
Michael Haggarty
James Hamilton
Terry Hartranft
Roger Hess
Ron Heyman
Harry Hoham
Steve Hoover
James Huffman
Joe Hurni
Howard Hull
John Hursh
Cyrus Johnson
William Jones
Tilson King
James Kroemer
Larry LaRowe
Clyde Leedy
Jim Leix
Tony Lemish
Steve Maloney
James Mason

Lloyd Mason
Don Mefford
Russell Morton
Dave Munton
Bernard Muzzillo
Pete Muzzillo
Larry Myers
Mike Myers
Ralph Myers
Roger Myers
Kenneth Marks
Lowell Nees
Virgil Oswalt
Jason Outland
Paul Post
Wilmer Rediger
Ron Roseberry
Robert Rugman
Tom Rupert
Jack Sanders
Virgil Sanders
George Schuette
Dan Schmidt
James Seigel
Keith Showalter
George Sockrider

Victor Sockrider
Doug Sowle
Hubert Stackhouse
Harry Shook
Paul Trausch
Neal Trout
Ray Vanhorne
Robert Vanosdol
Arie Vanstraten
Mike Wagner
William Weinert
David Wible
Steve Wildermuth
John Wilson
Kenneth Wolff
Ken Workman
Everett Yoder
Richard Yoder

Ralph A. Lynam

First International Vice-President



Ralph A. Lynam, of Alma, Michigan, was elected to the office of First International Vice-President of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the conclusion of the organization's 60th Annual Convention, held June 29 - July 2, 1977, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Vice-President Lynam is president and owner of a public accounting and computer systems consulting firm. He is a member of the St. John's, Michigan, Lions Club and has recorded 28 years of perfect attendance. Lion Lynam was elected to serve on the International Board of Directors from 1971-73 and was the Governor of District 11-C from 1967-68.

For his contribution to the international service efforts of Lionism, he has received seven International President's Awards, the Extension Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Key Member.

Vice-President Lynam and his wife, Doty, have four children and eight grandchildren.



The Kruse Companies
Wish to congratulate the
Auburn Lions Club
on their 50th Anniversary
and thank them at this time
for their support
of the
Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg
Festival
Each year.

IF HE'S A LION

A fellow isn't thinking mean,
If he's a Lion.
His thoughts are mostly good and clean,
If he's a Lion.
He doesn't knock his fellow men,
Or harbor any grudges then;
A fellow's at his finest, - When?
When he's a Lion.

A fellow gets a chance to dream,
When he's a Lion.
He learns - and holds in high esteem,
When he's a Lion.
An' he can purge his soul in air
That isn't foul with selfish care,
You're glad to meet him anywhere,
If he's a Lion.

special thanks to

Hubert Stackhouse for his time spent in preparing the Fifty Year History of the
Auburn Lions Club . . .

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